

The City of Ottawa, Illinois

Visitors to Ottawa soon discover why it was one of the first great cities to sprout from the Illinois prairie. Located in a beautiful valley at the confluence of the Fox and Illinois Rivers, Ottawa's natural setting is as appealing today as it must have been when Native Americans, French explorers and early settlers traversed the woodlands and rivers.

The development of the Illinois & Michigan Canal literally placed Ottawa on the map. Canal surveyors plotted Ottawa and Chicago at the same time. Prior to the Civil War, Ottawa had become a great center of commerce, agriculture, culture, law and politics. Abraham Lincoln had many friends and supporters in Ottawa and often practiced there before the local and state courts. Lincoln last visited Ottawa in 1858 to debate Stephen Douglas in the first of the great debates, an event that has been memorialized with heroic-sized bronze sculptures of these men in downtown Washington Square.

Ottawans take pride in their heritage and community, and this is evident everywhere. The stately architecture in the city's downtown and older neighborhoods reflects the aspirations and prosperity of its early citizens. In recent years, the city has undertaken major public parks improvements, public works projects and recreational development of riverfronts. Revitalization efforts are evident in the downtown area and new industry and commerce provide new job opportunities. Hundreds of citizens serve on a myriad of committees, commissions and boards to further improve the community. Quality public and parochial schools are a source of pride and a commitment to a future generation of effective citizens.

To learn more about Ottawa, you can visit their website at:

www.cityofottawa.org.

The Motor Vessel City of Ottawa's name was chosen because the boat will work along the banks of the Illinois River, including areas around the historic town of Ottawa.

Christening of the Motor Vessel City of Ottawa



**US Army Corps
of Engineers ®**
Rock Island District

Dedicated to the
City of Ottawa

October 13, 2007



Design Particulars of the Motor Vessel City of Ottawa

The motor vessel was built by Quality Shipyard of Houma, La., and took 17 months to build at a total cost of \$5.3 million.

She is assigned to the Illinois Waterway Project Office in Peoria, Ill., and assists in the repair and maintenance of locks and dams on the Illinois Waterway. She is used for switching, line-pull, and free-running service. The vessel will also be used to push the heavy-lifting crane Hercules and the rest of the repair fleet.

The vessel is 78 feet long with a maximum draft of 9 feet. It is powered by twin 1,050 horsepower CAT diesels and has two 99-kilowatt generators.

The Motor Vessel City of Ottawa is suitable for year-round operation in the shallow, ice and drift-strewn rivers of the Illinois Waterway. She is a twin-screw, open propeller diesel-powered vessel with an all-welded steel hull and superstructure. She accommodates a crew of 12. The maximum speed while under tow is 8 mph, and she uses approximately 95 gallons of fuel per hour.

Facts about the Motor Vessel City of Ottawa:

Length 78'2"

Beam (Molded) 37'

Design Draft Depth 7'6"

Min. Air Draft Condition 40'

Max. Air Draft 45'3"

Total Propulsion Power @ Continuous Rating 2,100 horsepower

Pilothouse Elevation 32'

Ballast Capacity 16,000 gallons

Max. Fuel Capacity 15,372 gallons

Potable Water Capacity 2,308 gallons

Wash Water Capacity 8,090 gallons

Schedule of Events

Invocation

Father Gerald Meyer

Pastor

Saint Francis of Assisi Church, Ottawa, Illinois

Remarks

Colonel Robert Sinkler

Commander

Rock Island District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Honorable Robert Eschbach

Mayor

City of Ottawa, Illinois

Presentation of Motor Vessel City of Ottawa Picture

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Tours of the Motor Vessel City of Ottawa After Ceremony Until 4 p.m.

